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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF FINAL DETERMINATION OF COMBATANT STATUS

REVIEW TRIBUNAL - MALDIVES

REF: STATE 34902 AND PREVIOUS

Classified By: AMBASSADOR JEFFREY J. LUNSTEAD FOR REASON 1.4 (D).

¶1. (C) The Embassy on March 1 forwarded to the Maldivian government a diplomatic note, drawing from the relevant portions of reftel, advising that Maldivian Guantanamo detainee Ibrahim Fauzee has been determined to no longer be an enemy combatant and thus approved for release. DCM also called Maldivian Foreign Ministry Foreign Secretary Zakariyyah and reviewed with him these newest developments in Mr. Fauzee's case.

¶2. (C) Zakariyyah noted that, in the context of discussions in which his government had agreed to certain conditions for Mr. Fauzee's return, his government had already committed itself to the humane treatment of Mr. Fauzee upon his return to Maldives (Note: he's right. End Note) Regarding the modalities of return, Zakariyyah stated that his government would want Mr. Fauzee delivered to the Male' International Airport, Maldives. Zakariyyah said that rather than naming a Maldivian point of contact for "transfer logistics," his government would prefer to continue to work through the U.S. Embassy in Colombo, as has been the case since the beginning of this matter.

¶3. (C) Comment. We will advise if the Maldivians respond to this latest diplomatic note in writing but, as noted above, they have answered all the questions posed in reftel. We look forward to learning the details of Mr. Fauzee's return so that we may pass that information to the Maldivians. Please advise soonest. End Comment
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